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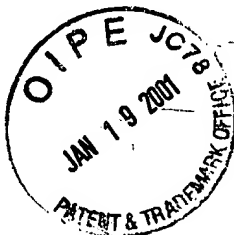
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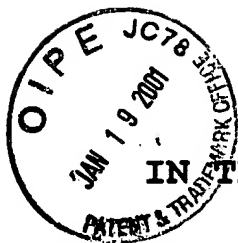
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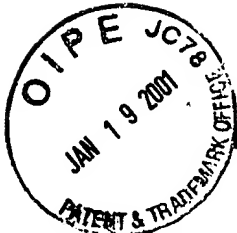
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated October 19, 2000, this is authorization to charge the fee of \$130.00 for filing the Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-subject patent application to Deposit Account No. 09-0468, including any readjustment thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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